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BOARD OF EMS MEETING  
MAY 3, 2006  
9:30 AM  
DECHAMPLAIN CONFERENCE ROOM

MINUTES

Board Members: Steve Leach, (chair), Wayne Werts (chair-elect), Bob Ashby, Alan Azzara, Tim Beals, Oden Cassidy, Joseph Conley, Peter DiPientrantonio, Kevin Kendall, Penelope Kneeland, Paul Knowlton, Jim McKenney, Carol Pillsbury, Roy Woods

Regional Coordinators: Joanne LeBrun, Steve Corbin

Maine EMS Staff: Jay Bradshaw, David Kingdon, Dawn Kinney, Drexell White, Ben Woodard

Office of the Attorney General: Laura Yustak Smith, Esq.

Guests: Dan Batsie, Northeast EMS, Education Committee Chair; Gary Utgard, Sanford Fire Dept, Exam Committee member

- 1) Introductions were not necessary as all are known.
- 2) Approval of April 5, 2006, meeting minutes

**MOTION: To approve the minutes of the April 5, 2006, meeting with corrections as noted. (Kendall; seconded by Beals) Unanimous.**

- 3) New Business
  - a) Investigations Committee action items.

**MOTION: To ratify the minutes of the June 1, 2005 Investigations Committee meeting with the exception of the portion relating to Paul Bean, Jr.). (McKenney; second by Woods).**

**MOTION: To approve the terms of the consent agreement in case # 06-09 (Ashby; second by Cassidy). Unanimous**

**MOTION: To approve the terms of the consent agreement in the case regarding Sonny Blakenship. (Woods; second by Cassidy). Unanimous**

**MOTION: To approve the terms of the consent agreement in the case regarding Scott Newton. (Woods; second by Cassidy). Unanimous with one abstention (Conley)**

**MOTION: To approve the terms of the consent agreement in the case regarding James Schutts. (DiPientrantonio; second by Woods). Carried 9-3 (in opposition: Kendall, Beals, Conley)**

- b) Operations Team update – Steve Corbin reported on behalf of the Ops Team that topics discussed at the Ops Team meeting included: AVOC planning, E-Z I/O, PIFT, EMD, budget meetings with Commissioner Cantara, and issues regarding the Regional Resource Centers.
- c) Education Committee – Dan Batsie reported that the Education Committee is in the process of reviewing the use of an EMS refresher for CEH credit. Currently refresher classes used for BLS relicensing must be used within one year of the completion date; however, a BLS refresher may be combined with ALS CEHs and used for up to 3 years for CEH credit.

Dan also reported that the Committee has reviewed the EZ I/O device and training material and approved the training material, but will be requesting clarification on the MDPB's motion regarding the approval process for instructors. The Committee is also recommending that this be considered for inclusion into the ALS curricula.

**MOTION: To approve the EZ I/O training program as presented, and if approved by the MDPB, to also include the humerus as an approved site for IO insertion. (Werts; second by Woods) Unanimous.**

The Committee also reviewed the Paramedic Interfacility Transfer (PIFT) program update. This was also discussed at the Ops Team, and as a result there are questions about beta testing this program that will go back to the MDPB.

- d) Exam – Gary Utgard reported that the Committee has several questions regarding the National Registry's change to Computer Adaptive Testing (CAT) on January 1, 2007. Questions include: location of testing sites, access to sites on evenings and weekends, students who are not computer literate, etc. At the June meeting, the Committee will make a more detailed presentation and seek action from the Board on how to proceed.
- e) Legislative Update – nothing new to report. Legislature is expected to conclude its work in the next couple of weeks. No update on any budget changes that may impact EMS during FY07.
- f) Delta Ambulance waiver request. The Board discussed a waiver request from Delta Ambulance Service to combine its Waterville and Augusta bases under a single license number. Because of his position as Executive

Director of Delta Ambulance, Tim Beals recused himself from the discussion and vote on this matter.

After reviewing the waiver requirements (Ch 13, § 2.1-5), the following motion was made:

**MOTION: That the Board waives Maine EMS Rules (dated July 1, 2003) Chapter 3 §2.5 – Base Location- to the extent necessary to allow Delta Ambulance Service to position ambulances within its service area based upon system requirements instead of predefined base locations and Chapter 3 §3- Changes in License Factors – to the extent necessary to allow Delta Ambulance Service to license a single base of operations instead of requiring the service to obtain separate licenses for ambulance bases located within its response areas; that factors for granting the waivers include that the communities in the service's primary response area are contiguous; and that the Board grants the waivers with the following conditions: 1) the service will utilize a single quality improvement plan and 2) these waivers will remain in effect until the next EMS Rules change, regardless of whether or not the sections being waived are changed. (Kendall; second by DiPeitranantonio) Unanimous with 2 abstentions (Pillsbury, Leach).**

- g) EMT Awards – The award ceremony will be on Wednesday, May 17, at 1:30 in the Hall of Flags. In addition to the EMS Awards, 7 services that have completed HeartSafe Community applications will be recognized and presented with certificates from DHHS Commissioner Brenda Harvey.
- 4) Staff Reports
  - a) MEMS
    - i) Staff changes – Jay reported that the application period for the Education Coordinator has been extended to solicit additional applications.
    - ii) MEMSRR Update – Ben distributed the latest summary of electronic run reports and an update on activity taking place. Next administrator training will be in late June.
    - iii) EMD Update – David introduced himself to the Board and explained the process that he has been going through to develop the draft EMD rules. The goal is to have the next draft ready for Board approval at the June meeting, with hearings to be scheduled thereafter.
    - iv) Inspection Update – Dawn updated the Board on her inspection activity and tentative schedule.
- 5) Old Business – Discussion continued on the EMS Study recommendation regarding Board composition. It was agreed that some Board members are representatives of a constituency (e.g. regional councils) and others for their expertise in a particular area of EMS (e.g. emergency physician and nurse). Following extensive discussion, the following action was taken:

**MOTION: That Legislation be pursued to make the following changes to the Board of EMS composition:**

- **Regional representatives (number to be determined)**
- **Emergency physician**
- **Emergency Medical Dispatch Services Provider**
- **Public (2)**
- **For Profit Ambulance Services**
- **Emergency Nurse**
- **Hospital Administration**
- **Municipal EMS provider**
- **Non Transporting EMS service**
- **Not for Profit EMS service**
- **Fire chief**

**(Ashby; second by Woods) Unanimous.**

The Board agreed that the next recommendation to be discussed is the role of the regional councils in the state EMS system. To allow for expanded discussion time, the Board agreed to meet Tuesday, June 6, 1:00 – 4:00 to conduct regular Board business, and on Wednesday, June 7, 9:00 – 3:00 to continue work on the EMSSSTAR recommendations.

6) Other – none at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 6, 1:00 – 4:00 and Wednesday, June 7, 9:00 – 3:00.